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SUBJECT: IG REVIEW OF COLOMBIA CASP

1. ON APRIL 24, 1974, THE NSC-IG/ARA REVIEWED  
THE COLOMBIA CASP, AS MODIFIED BY CHANGES RECOMMENDED  
BY THE PRE-IG AND THE COUNTRY TEAM, AND REACHED  
THE FOLLOWING CONCLUSIONS.

2. THE IG APPROVED ALL ELEMENTS OF THE CASP  
WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE  
STRATEGY. ACTING EXECUTIVE CHAIRMAN SHLAUDEMANN POINTED  
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OUT THAT THE CENTRAL ISSUE OF THE CASP IS THE U.S.

ROLE IN COLOMBIA'S DEVELOPMENT; WITHOUT A DEFINITIVE STRATEGY STATEMENT THAT COULD ONLY BE BASED ON DISCUSSIONS WITH THE NEW GOVERNMENT, THE CASP IS INCOMPLETE AS A POLICY DOCUMENT. THE IG/ARA THEREFORE AGREED TO DEFER FINAL APPROVAL OF THE CASP UNTIL THE COUNTRY TEAM HAS HAD DISCUSSIONS WITH THE NEW GOVERNMENT AND SUBMITS A MORE SPECIFIC DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE STRATEGY FOR IG CONSIDERATION. THE CHAIRMAN REITERATED THAT SUCH A STATEMENT SHOULD SET FORTH THE BROAD STRATEGY THAT THE COUNTRY TEAM PROPOSES TO FOLLOW WITH THE NEW GOVERNMENT DURING THE CASP TIME FRAME, AND NOT BE A DETAILED PROGRAMMING DOCUMENT. THE BROAD DIMENSIONS OF THE AID AND PL 480 PROGRAM ELEMENTS SHOULD BE INDICATED.

ACTION RESPONSIBILITY: COUNTRY TEAM

3. SECURITY ASSISTANCE:

A) FMS CREDIT. THE IG REAFFIRMED ITS SUPPORT FOR OUR POLICY OF EVENHANDEDNESS TOWARD COLOMBIA AND VENEZUELA, AND ENDORSED A 17 MILLION DOLLARS FMS CREDIT LEVEL FOR BOTH FY 75 AND FY 76 TO BOTH COUNTRIES ON THE ASSUMPTION THAT THERE WILL BE AN OVERALL REGIONAL FMS CREDIT PROGRAM OF 200 MILLION DOLLARS.

(B) MAP TRAINING. THE IG ENDORSED A 700,000 DOLLARS MAP TRAINING LEVEL FOR BOTH FY 75 AND FY 76.

(C) EVENHANDEDNESS POLICY. THE IG DIRECTED THAT A REASSESSMENT OF THE LONG-TERM VIABILITY OF OUR EVENHANDEDNESS POLICY BE UNDERTAKEN BY EMBASSIES BOGOTA AND CARACAS IN CONJUNCTION WITH CINCSOUTH, TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION THE IMPLICATIONS OF VENEZUELA'S NEW-FOUND ECONOMIC PROSPERITY.

ACTION RESPONSIBILITY: EMBASSIES BOGOTA AND CARACAS, DOD

4. STAFFING: THE IG CALLED FOR A COUNTRY TEAM STUDY OF POST'S STAFFING PATTERNS AND RESOURCES TO BE  
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SUBMITTED BY OCTOBER 1. THE ACTING EXECUTIVE CHAIRMAN DIRECTED THAT THE COUNTRY DIRECTORATE (ARA-LA/NC) REVIEW THE STUDY AND MAKE ACTION RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE EXECUTIVE CHAIRMAN, IG/ARA.

ACTION RESPONSIBILITY: COUNTRY TEAM, ARA-LA/NC

5. THE IG SYMPATHETICALLY VIEWED THE POSSIBILITY AND

RATIONALE FOR REOPENING A CONSULATE IN BARRANQUILLA  
IN EXPECTATION THAT STAFFING COULD BE MADE AVAILABLE  
OUT OF EXISTING EMBASSY PERSONNEL LEVELS.

ACTION RESPONSIBILITY: COUNTRY TEAM, ARA-LA/NC, ARA/MGT

6. REVITALIZED SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP: THE IG  
NOTED THAT WE ENVISION COLOMBIA PLAYING AN IMPORTANT  
ROLE IN REVITALIZING OUR SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP WITH  
LATIN AMERICA, GIVEN COLOMBIA'S POSITION OF INFLUENCE  
AMONG OTHER LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES. IT ALSO  
RECOGNIZED THAT IN ANY STRATEGY DESIGNED TO  
DEMONSTRATE TO PRESIDENT LOPEZ AND THE GOC THE  
IMPORTANCE WE ATTACH TO OUR BILATERAL RELATIONS,  
VISITS BY IMPORTANT EMISSARIES CAN BE MORE IMPRESSIVE  
SEPARATELY, RATHER THAN INCLUDING COLOMBIA AS ONE STOP  
ON AN EXTENDED ITINERARY. RUSH

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